

CLAIMS

[0036] What is claimed is:

1. A clustering means comprising:
 - a first layer having at least one sticky face;
 - a second layer having at least one tear-off means formed as an elongated tape;
 - said second layer is attached to said first layer on its at least one sticky face.
2. The clustering means of claim 1, wherein said first layer further comprising at least one pulling tab formed along one side of said first layer and weakening cuts formed on both sides of said pulling tab.
3. A method comprising:
 - providing a first layer, said layer having at least one sticky face;
 - providing a second layer, said second layer comprising at least one tear-off means formed therein;
 - attaching said first and said second layers; and
 - removing from said first layer all residual parts of said second layer around said tear-off means.
4. A method comprising:
 - applying a clustering means having sticky areas and tear-off means to a plurality of substantially equal items so that sticky areas of said clustering means are adhered to side face of said items and tear-off means is placed along touch-line of two adjacent items of said plurality of items.
5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
 - pulling said tear-off means so as to tear across said clustering means; and
 - dividing said plurality of items into two groups, each group is remaining clustered.
6. A method comprising:
 - pulling tear-off means off a clustering means adhered on a plurality of items so as to tear across said clustering means; and

dividing said plurality of items into two groups, each group is remaining clustered.

7. A multi-ply label structure for obscuring and maintaining the integrity of indicia printed on a substrate, comprising:

- a top ply having a top surface for receiving printed matter and a pressure sensitive adhesive bottom surface for adhering to said substrate; and

- a bottom ply connected to an area of said pressure sensitive adhesive bottom surface of said face stock thereby providing a clean non-pressure sensitive area which will not adhere to said indicia on said substrate.

8. A method for producing a multi-ply label structure including the steps of:

- providing a multi-layer material having a top ply with an adhesive under coating and a bottom ply;

- cutting a first pattern or design into said top ply of said multi-layer material;

- cutting a second pattern or design into said bottom ply of said multi-layer material so that said second pattern overlaps said first pattern; and

- removing portions of said top ply which were not included in said cutting a first pattern, thereby a multi-ply label structure remains.